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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM: SOCIAL WORKING

GROUP AGENDA

REF: A) STATE 180808, B) MEXICO 12655, C) STATE 142375

1. DCM INFORMED FOREIGN SECRETARIAT (UNDER SECRETARY ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ) THAT DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN AGENDA AS RECAST, AND RECEIVED HIS AGREEMENT THAT GOM HAS NO OBJECTION TO DISCUSSION OF SUB-TOPICS WE LISTED IN ORIGINAL FORMULATION IN REF (C).

2. ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ RAISED QUESTION OF SUB-TOPIC THAT U.S. AGENDA INCLUDED UNDER PARA (G) REF (C), NOTING THAT BOTH STOLEN OR IMPOUNDED VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT AND REPEAT AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE CUSTOMS FELL UNDER CONTROL OF GOM'S UNDERSECRETARIAT OF TREASURY FOR FISCAL INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT, SINCE VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT WERE TO BE DEALT WITH IN SOCIAL WORKING GROUP, BOTH SIDES SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS COOPERATION UNDER OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR CUSTOMS COOPERATION SIGNED IN FALL 1976. EFFORTS TO PERSUADE ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ THAT CUSTOMS COOPERATION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL. IT IS CLEAR THAT HE IS UNDER PRES-

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SURE FROM TREASURY SECRETARIAT ON THIS POINT AND HAS NO LEEWAY. EMBASSY TRUSTS THAT U.S. DELEGATION CAN BE COMPOSED TO INCLUDE PERSONNEL FAMILIAR WITH CUSTOMS COOPERATION AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY ARMS SMUGGLING, THE TOPIC IN WHICH MEXICAN SIDE APPEARS TO HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST.

3. WITH REFERENCE PARA 2(D) OF REF (B), ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ

INQUIRED AGAIN ABOUT INFO FROM U.S. ON WHAT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SHOULD BE ENCOMPASSED IN DISCUSSION OF COOPERATIVE ACTIONS TO COMBAT MAJOR OIL SPILLS. FOREIGN SECRETARIAT WONDERS WHETHER U.S. WAS THINKING ONLY OF POLLUTION OF RIO GRANDE. DCM SAID WE WERE OF OPINION OUR INTEREST WAS IN MAJOR SPILLS IN GULF OF MEXICO AND PACIFIC COAST WATERS, TO WHICH HIS REPLY WAS TO ASK FOR INFO REGARDING EXTENT OF AREAS IN WHICH U.S. WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS COOPERATION. IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE THIS INFO PRIOR TO MEETINGS, IT WOULD HELP FOCUS DISCUSSIONS AND AVOID DELAYS DURING AUGUST 11-12 MEETINGS.

4. EMBASSY HAS SET 0900 THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, FOR AMBASSADOR LUCEY TO MEET WITH U.S. DELEGATION, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE EARLY THAT AFTERNOON FOR TIJUANA. DCM HERBERT B. THOMPSON PLANS 1900-2100 STAG COCKTAIL FOR U.S. AND MEXICAN DELEGATIONS AT HIS RESIDENCE AUGUST 11.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ ASKED FOR COMPOSITION OF U.S. DELEGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SINCE HE IS REQUIRED TO MAKE SURE THAT GOM WILL HAVE COUNTERPARTS FOR ALL U.S. MEMBERS. BOTH GOM AND EMBASSY HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO NAME U.S. DELEGATION SOONEST, SINCE MEETING NOW LESS THAN ONE WEEK AWAY. LUCEY

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